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RE: DeHays - National Archives statement

1 message

(b) (6) Thu, Jan 11, 2018 at 4:18 PM
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To: James Pritchett <james.pritchett@nara.gov>
Cc: "public.affairs@nara.gov" <public.affairs@nara.gov>

Thanks. Received.

Best,

David

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Good afternoon,

I understand you are looking for a statement on the legal proceedings against Antonin DeHays. The following statement ma be attributed to Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero:

While I am pleased that we are one step closer to justice in this case, I remain shocked and angered that a historian would show such disregard for records and artifacts. As a veteran, I am disgusted that anyone would steal records and artifacts documenting those captured or killed in the service of their nation.

As I have stated since I became Archivist of the United States, the security of the holdings of the National Archives is my highest priority. Our Holdings Protection and Recovery Team has been working closely with archival units to improve training and institute new policies and procedures that ensure our holdings are safer. We have also implemented changes to procedures in research rooms nationwide to address the methods used by Antonin DeHays.

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Re: NARA Notice 2018-045: Archivist's Statement on DeHays Plea

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Mark Sherry (Contractor) <mark.sherry@nara.gov> Thu, Jan 11, 2018 at 1:50 PM
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On Thu, Jan 11, 2018 at 12:35 PM, Notice <notice@nara.gov> wrote:

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Today, Antonin DeHays, a private researcher, pleaded guilty to stealing and selling identification tags and related items concerning American servicemen whose planes were downed in Europe during World War II as well as other original records from the National Archives at College Park. The arrest of Antonin DeHays was originally announced in NARA Notice 2017-112.

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DAVID S. FERRIERO
Archivist of the United States

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